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In re Application

Inventor(s): Steven T. Mitchell

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Title: ARTIFICIAL VERTEBRAL DISK  
REPLACEMENT IMPLANT WITH  
CROSSBAR SPACER AND METHOD

PATENT APPLICATION

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005. A Declaration of Steve Mitchell, Petition for Extension of Time and a check to cover the required fees accompany this Reply.

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